

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 24-23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT REQUIRED OF RESIDENTIAL USERS PRIOR TO FURNISHING WATER SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 24-23.1 OF THE CODE BY INCREASING CHARGES FOR DISCONTINUING AND RESTORING WATER SERVICE; EXPRESSING INTENT OF SEVERABILITY; EXPRESSING INTENT OF INCLUSION IN CODE; AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That Section 24-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Miami, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24-23. Water meter deposit; billings; responsibility for water charges.

Upon payment to the city of a deposit of \$25.00 per residential unit the city will furnish water service to single family and duplex residences. Whenever water service is terminated and deposit withdrawn, the city will collect deposit as set forth above prior to resumption of water service. Charges for water service shall be the primary responsibility of the property owner and discontinued service will not be resumed until payment of all past charges and the posting of deposit of all past charges and the posting of deposit as herein provided. All water meters shall be read bi-monthly and bills for any and all water charges shall be rendered and paid bi-monthly; provided however that the chief administrative officer of the water department may establish a system of staggered billing and during adoption of such system may render temporary billings for a period of less than two months. Upon adoption of staggered system of billing all bills rendered thereafter shall be bi-monthly.

Deposits shall be collected from commercial accounts and multi-family residential accounts using only one meter as follows:

<u>Meter size</u>	<u>Meter deposit</u>
5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 25.00
1"	50.00
1 1/2"	75.00
2"	125.00
3"	200.00 "

Section 2. That Section 24-23.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Miami, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24-23.1. Temporary and permanent discontinuance of service to water customer.

(a) Upon request of any water customer and the payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), the city will discontinue water service to such customer on a temporary basis but will continue to retain the water deposit of such customer pending restoration of service, or, notice from the customer of final termination of service. A bill for water service from the commencement of the billing period to the date of discontinuance of service will be rendered the customer; and such bill shall be for water actually consumed during the billing period notwithstanding the minimum charge hereinabove provided. Upon forty-eight (48) hour notice and payment of a further fee of five dollars (\$5.00) the city will restore water service to any customer whose service was temporarily discontinued upon request as provided above. Upon restoration of service the city shall bill the water customer for water actually consumed during such billing period notwithstanding the minimum charge hereinabove provided.

(b) Upon request of any water customer and the payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) the city will discontinue water service to such customer and will bill the customer for water service to the date of discontinuance. Upon the payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), and required deposit if a different or new water customer, the city will restore water service to location where discontinued, provided that all charges and fees for water service to such location have been paid in full."

Section 3. Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared and adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity to the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. By reason of the nature of the content hereof this ordinance shall be made a part of the City Code.


Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect October 1,
1974.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 1974.



President, City Council

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED:



MAYOR